

Coccinia grandis

IVY GOURD

Curcurbitaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

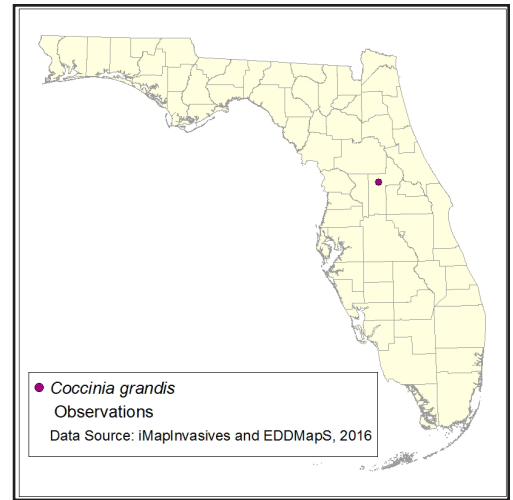
IFAS Assessment

North -
Central -
South -

USDA Hardiness Zone: 9b-11

Growth Habit: Vine

Origin: Africa and Asia



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Description: Perennial herbaceous vine to 2.7 m long. Stems annually produced from a tuber, glabrous with simple tendrils. Leaves alternate and simple, ovate, 5-lobed 5-9 cm, glabrous. Flowers white, 5-petaled, 3-4.5 cm long. Fruit a smooth, red berry, 2.5-6 cm long.

Habitat: hammocks

Florida Introduction Date: Earliest Florida specimen vouchered in 1908.

Control Methods:

Chemical: Knock back foliage of infestation with Trichlopyr or dicamba and follow up with basal bark treatment on regrowth with Trichlopyr ester (ISSG).

Useful Resources:

Dave's Garden. 2014. PlantFiles: Ivy Gourd, *Coccinia grandis*. <http://davesgarden.com/guides/pf/go/32030/>. Accessed on June 20, 2014.

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